Partnership in implementation of Road Projects by National Highways Authority of India in respect of Delhi-Gurgaon Project based on C&AGs Performance Audit Report No. 16 of 2008.

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REPORTS OF THE DEPARTMENT RELATED PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON DEFENCE

SHRI R.K. DHAWAN (Bihar): Sir, I lay on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Reports of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Defence: —

(i) First report on Demands for Grants (2009-10) of the Ministry of Defence; and

(ii) Second report on Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations/ observations of the Committee contained in their Thirty-sixth Report (Fourteenth Lok Sabha) on the subject "Status of implementation of Unified Command for Armed Forces".

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REPORTS OF THE DEPARTMENT RELATED PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

प्रो. अलका क्षत्रिय (गुजरात) : महोदय, मैं विभाग संबंधित सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी संबंधी संसदीय स्थायी समिति के निम्नलिखित प्रतिवेदनों की एक-एक प्रति (अंग्रेजी तथा हिन्दी में) सभा पटल पर रखती हूः—

(i) संचार और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्रालय (डाक विभाग) की "**अनुदान** मांगों (2009-2010)" के संबंध में पहला प्रतिवेदन, और

(ii) सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय की "**अनुदान** मांगों (2009-10)" के संबंध में दूसरा प्रतिवेदन।

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STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Thirty-third Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Defence

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI M.M. PALLAM RAJU): Sir, I lay a statement regarding status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Thirty-third Report of the Department-Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Defence.

Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the One Hundred and Forty-fourth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): Sir, I lay a statement regarding status of implementation of recommendations contained in the One Hundred and Forty-fourth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, we shall take up Zero Hour.

SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU (Karnataka): Sir, the 'Minister for Price Rise' has come.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No, he is the Agriculture Minister, not price rise.

SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU: He is the Minister for Consumer Affairs.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: But, we do not have that subject.

डा. (श्रीमती) नजमा ए. हेपतुल्ला (राजस्थान): सर, यह क्वेश्चन ऑवर में रेज़ हुआ है।

श्री उपसभापति: क्वेश्चन ऑवर में रेज़ हुआ, but we have not admitted it. ...*(Interruptions)*... Yes, Mr. Tapan Kumar Sen.

MATTER RAISED WITH PERMISSION

The countrywide protests and demonstrations by being staged Central Trade Unions against UPA Government Policy

SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN (West Bengal): Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the House and also of the Government to the protests, *dharnas* and demonstrations by all the trade unions, irrespective of their affiliations, throughout the country — also a massive *dharna* is going on in front of the Parliament House today — against the price rise and inaction of the Government on the issue; against the distorted package of stimulus to the corporates; ongoing retrenchment of the workers in the name of recession; against the Government-sponsored violation of labour laws; demanding a comprehensive unrestricted universal social security for the unorganised sector workers and also demanding a complete stop to the disinvestment and privatisation.

Sir, coincided with this is the today's strike of bank employees of all the unions throughout the country against the merger of the banks in cutting the whole banking sector network in a smaller way and also the backdoor move for privatisation of the banking sector through rampant outsourcing. Sir, it is deplorable as to why the Government is benevolent in giving 4,20,000 crore rupees concession to the big corporates in the name of tax forgone. They are refusing to spend only 70,000 crore rupees per annum for universal PDS to contain the price rise and also refusing to declare a ban on speculation on commodities which is basically responsible for this back-breaking price rise. Today, food prices inflation has already crossed the 19 per cent mark. All this warrants a total reversal of the present policy direction of the Government in the matter of economy. On this issue, the workers of all affiliations got united and putting the Government on notice demanding immediate reversal so that the price rise is contained, the labour laws are properly implemented, workers got their rights, contractisation is stopped and a complete stop is put on the disastrous disinvestment and privatisation process. If the Government does not act, the workers will be compelled to go for further action. So, in this situation, I demand of the Government, through you, Sir, that the situation needs a complete reversal of the policy